

Faithful IN A FEW Things



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
September 18th, 2022

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude Welcome Parish News

Ringing of the Church Bell (StM/Ev)

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Entrance Hymn**

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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* **Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie**

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* **Hymn of Praise:**

This is the Feast of Victory (cantor and congregation)

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* **Salutation**

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign because without your help it is impossible to please you, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

(St.M/Evan)

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7 A lesson from Amos:

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 113 (Tones: Single 22; double 45)

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants / of the Lord;* praise the name / of the Lord.

Blessed be the name / of the Lord* from this time on and for- / evermore.

From the rising of the sun / to its setting* the name of the Lord is / to be praised.

The Lord is high a- / bove all nations,* and his glory a- / bove the heavens.

Who is like the / Lord our God,* who is seat- / ed on high,

who / looks far down* on the heavens / and the earth?

He raises the poor / from the dust,* and lifts the needy / from the ash heap,

to make them / sit with princes,* with the princes / of his people.

He gives the barren wom- / an a home,* making her the joyous moth- / er of children.

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants / of the Lord;* praise the name / of the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit; as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Tim. 2:1-7 A lesson from first Timothy:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Alleluia Verse** pg. 83

* **Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord** pg. 83

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response** **Praise to you, O Christ** pg. 83

* **Hymn of the Day**

Praise and Thanksgiving

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RESPONSE

* **Apostles Creed**

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* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Merciful Lord and God, we acknowledge you as the creator of all we call our own. We are reassured to know that it was your love that has given us life. Make us ready to renounce all that diverts us from worshipping you. Having given your only Son to free us from our imperfections and to be a sacrament of your eternal grace, show us by his Spirit how to begin to imitate his faithful love to you and yours.

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

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Musical Offering

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* **Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Lord Jesus Christ, our offerings do not compare to your perfect sacrifice. Nevertheless, see in them our faith through which you have promised that we shall live. You are the Lord forevermore.

MEAL

* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

WOV #763, 734, 709 (x5)

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .*

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* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

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Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate your exaltation to be the first of all because you humbly served us on the cross. By this communion give us faith to serve as one who is the least of all, trusting our Father's love to make us one in you. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* **Benediction**

* **Recessional Hymn**

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/18

(a "pericope" is a selected reading from scripture used as a lesson at worship)

Shrewdness. Another of Jesus' strange teachings. Can we use the ways of the world to serve the Good News? Are all choices as clear as "God or wealth"? What does it mean to be faithful"? (Gospel). How DO we do business? Even the "business" of the faith community? God holds us accountable for how we treat one another - especially the poor and vulnerable (1st lesson). Can we pray for leaders we don't like, didn't vote for, think of as wrong (even "evil")? What would those prayers look like? What would we actually pray for? Would it be asking God to do what we want or to let His will be done? (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

We gather weekly in reverence and awe, in joy and thanksgiving, in hope and peace. We come seeking forgiveness and reconciliation-inspiration and a sense of God's presence. We depart renewed, refreshed and recommitted to serve all God's people in need, as we have opportunity. We come open to God's giving. Having received we depart to share that with which God has blessed us.

In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament". When laity "preside" at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul, or another ordained pastor, at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. Those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a "Voice From the Pew" folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting" membership roster.

Thank You.

We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement
 Next week we welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister Comm. Asst. Lector Cantor Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Peg Serra-Lima Christine Brown Ed Pixley Peg Serra-Lima Carter Thompson	Cindy Lane Len Price Mia Pelcer	Dave Forbes Alicia Stevens

+ Readings Through This Week +

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty Lutheranparish.com>

+Prayers of the Church+

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

+Atonement+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, David Kelefant (Walters), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Nancy Lehenbauer

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Janet England

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen, Chuck Scorzafava

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marshall & Mary Beth Pedersen

For Young Adult: Gunnar Jaeck

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Connie Dabreau

For Young Adult: Matt Struckle

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Cadence Love

For those preparing for marriage: Pat Steves and Taylor Johnson

For those preparing for childbirth: those seeking or preparing for adoption

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Town of Hartwick Fire Companies

In the Foothills Conference: Organists/choir directors/choir members (name your own)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; for those suffering from Summer's extreme heat; Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Who Die in the Lord**

+Elizabeth II+
Queen of the United Kingdom (1926-2022)

+Kent Hoyt+

+ Parish News and Notes +

+A special welcome to all visitors, friends and guests. Please fill out a Voice from the Pew folder and sign our Guest Book. Please include your complete mailing, e-mail address, and phone number. If you are new to the community or are looking for a Church Home, please let us know how we can be of service and consider our Christian family your own.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date: Last Sun/ YTD	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
9/11	34/	19/ 583	23/ 698
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
9/14	1/ 84	1/ 63	7/ 302

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

+Monday: 9/19 - 2pm - Joe Rotolo Memorial Calling Hours and Service
Bookhouts Funeral Home, Oneonta

+Tuesday 9/20-22 Pr Paul at Society of the Holy Trinity (STS) national retreat,
Mundelein IL

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+Saturday: 9/24 - Atonement Worship and Music Comm., 9:30am

+ COMING UP +

+Sunday: 9/25 - Atonement Council follows worship

Quote of the Week

What God Has Promised

God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways, all our lives through.

God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer, light on the way;
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Thursday week. Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin. Items should be emailed to the OCLP office and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.